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INTRODUCTION

These instructions are compiled to provide essential practice for students who already have a basic knowledge of English and specializing in **Management of the Hotel, Resort and Tourist Service, the Hospitality Industry & Tourism.**

These tasks are to change the attitudes of both teachers and students to classroom activities. The teacher who is worried that students will be missing something important will find included in the activities which develop intensive and extensive reading skills, writing in a variety of styles, and oral tasks involving varying degrees of subtlety. The teacher who brings these tasks into the study is not depriving the students of language practice, but is, instead, providing a richer context for such practice.

When teachers use texts for reading they are often too concerned with what was written at the expense of how. Reading in any language is an affective as well as a cognitive process. The teacher's role is not that of corrector or judge, but rather that of enabler. The teacher assists with language, errors, but should not replace the student's perceptions with his or her own.

Each unit contains the following:

- reading
- lexical exercises
- a series of assignments that mirror real-life activities.

UNIT 1

Key words: renowned as – birthplace of Aphrodite – goddess of love – one's scenic expectations of – Cyprus – understandably high – however – armed with – knowledge – third largest island – Mediterranean – to have – its fair share of – modern highways – cosmopolitan towns – hopefully – to feel too misled – sleepy villages and vine-covered hillsides – to be still very much in evidence – charming way of life – centred around – family – church – remarkably rich in – culture – to trace – its history – over 9,000 years – Gothic cathedrals – Byzantine churches – Roman mosaics – Cyprus Ottoman minarets – not to mention – British post boxes – to be – all testimony to – its interesting and unusual heritage – largest and southernmost of – Greek islands – with long hot summers – seas – most vivid blues – Crete – to mark – invisible frontier between – Europe and Africa – legendary home of – Zeus – king of – gods – Theseus – to slay – Minotaur – Knossos – land of – myth and mystery – to give life to – ancient Minoan civilization – nearly 5,000 years ago – to abound in – echoes of – past – Roman – Arab – Venetian and Turkish invasions – inland – towering mountains – perfumed by – fragrant shrubs – to descend (through) – deep gorges – fertile valleys – draped (with) – olive trees – orange groves and vineyards – beyond – island's rugged sand and pebble fringed coast – edged – tamarisk-trees – to be punctuated – fishing villages – pleasures of – Cretan wine and island cuisine – to await – in countless seaside cafes and tavernas

TEXT 1. Read and translate the text.

Cyprus & Crete.

Renowned as the birthplace of Aphrodite, the goddess of love, one's scenic expectations of Cyprus are understandably high. However, armed with the knowledge that, as the third largest island in the Mediterranean, it is going to have its fair share of modern highways and cosmopolitan towns, hopefully you should not feel too misled. Sleepy villages and vine-covered hillsides are still very much in evidence, as is a charming way of life centred around the family and the church.

Remarkably rich in culture, can trace its history over 9,000 years and Gothic cathedrals, Byzantine churches, Roman mosaics, Cyprus Ottoman minarets, not to mention British post boxes, are all testimony to its interesting and unusual heritage. Largest and southernmost of the Greek islands, with long hot summers and seas of the most vivid blues, Crete marks an invisible frontier between Europe and Africa. Legendary home of Zeus, king of the gods, and where Theseus slew the Minotaur at Knossos, it's a land of myth and mystery that gave life to the ancient Minoan civilization nearly 5,000 years ago, and abounds in echoes of past Roman, Arab,

Venetian and Turkish invasions. Inland, towering mountains, perfumed by fragrant shrubs, descend through deep gorges to fertile valleys draped with olive trees, orange groves and vineyards. Beyond, the island's rugged sand and pebble fringed coast, edged by tamarisk-trees, is punctuated by fishing villages where the pleasures of Cretan wine and island cuisine await in countless seaside cafes and tavernas!

EXERCISES:

1. Choose the right answer:

1. Renowned as the _____, the goddess of love, one's scenic expectations of Cyprus are understandably high.
 - A. birthplace of Neptune
 - B. birthplace of Aphrodite
 - C. birthplace of Zeus
 - D. birthplace of Poseidon
2. However, armed with the _____ that, as the third largest island in the Mediterranean, it is going to have its fair share of modern highways and cosmopolitan towns, hopefully you should not feel too misled.
 - A. gun
 - B. knife
 - C. knowledge
 - D. books
3. Sleepy villages and vine-covered hillsides are still very much in evidence, as is a charming way of life centred around the family and the _____.
 - A. church
 - B. music
 - C. song
 - D. cinema
4. Remarkably _____, can trace its history over 9,000 years and Gothic cathedrals, Byzantine churches, Roman mosaics, Cyprus Ottoman minarets, not to mention British post boxes, are all testimony to its interesting and unusual heritage.
 - A. rich in history
 - B. rich in culture
 - C. rich in money
 - D. rich in antiques

5. Largest and southernmost of the Greek islands, with long hot summers and seas of the most _____, Crete marks an invisible frontier between Europe and Africa.

- A. vivid reds
- B. vivid blues
- C. vivid whites
- D. vivid greens

6. Legendary home of Zeus, king of the gods, and where Theseus slew the Minotaur at Knossos, it's a land of _____ that gave life to the ancient Minoan civilization nearly 5,000 years ago, and abounds in echoes of past Roman, Arab, Venetian and Turkish invasions.

- A. myth and tragedy
- B. myth and comedy
- C. myth and mystery
- D. myth and fairy-tale

7. Inland, towering mountains, perfumed by fragrant shrubs, descend through deep gorges to fertile valleys draped with _____, orange groves and vineyards.

- A. olive trees
- B. cedar trees
- C. hazel trees
- D. almond trees

8. Beyond, the island's rugged sand and pebble fringed coast, edged by tamarisk-trees, is punctuated by fishing villages where the pleasures of _____ and island cuisine await in countless seaside cafes and tavernas!

- A. Cretan cognac
- B. Cretan brandy
- C. Cretan vermouth
- D. Cretan wine

2. Match the right variants:

1. Aphrodite is the goddess of

- love
- war
- peace

2. Cyprus is the third largest

- continent
- island
- country
- city

3. The Mediterranean is a

- ocean

- river
 - sea
 - lake
4. Cyprus is rich in
- Gothic cathedrals
 - Byzantine churches
 - Roman mosaics
 - Cyprus Ottoman minarets
 - British post boxes
5. Crete is
- largest and southernmost of the Greek islands
 - largest and northernmost of the Greek islands
 - largest and easternmost of the Greek islands
 - largest and westernmost of the Greek islands
6. It marks an invisible frontier between
- America and Europe
 - Europe and Asia
 - Europe and Africa
 - Asia and Africa
7. Legendary home of
- Zeus, king of the gods
 - Aphrodite, queen of the gods
 - Athena, queen of the gods
 - Poseidon, king of the gods
8. It's the place where
- Theseus slew the Hydra at Knossos
 - Theseus slew the Centaur at Knossos
 - Theseus slew the Medusa at Knossos
 - Theseus slew the Minotaur at Knossos
9. It gave life to the
- ancient Minoan civilization nearly 5,000 years ago
 - ancient Greek civilization nearly 5,000 years ago
 - ancient Cyprus civilization nearly 5,000 years ago
 - ancient Cretan civilization nearly 5,000 years ago

3. Match the right variants:

scenic	island
third largest	share
fair	way
modern	towns
cosmopolitan	highways
sleepy	hillsides
vine-covered	villages

charming	cathedrals
Gothic	churches
Byzantine	mosaics
Roman	minarets
Ottoman	post boxes
British	heritage
unusual	expectations
Greek	summers
hot	blues
vivid	islands
seaside	frontier
invisible	villages
legendary	Minoan civilization
ancient	invasions
Turkish	home
towering	gorges
fragrant	trees
deep	valleys
fertile	groves
olive	shrubs
orange	wine
rugged	mountains
pebble fringed	sand
fishing	coast
Cretan	cuisine
island	cafes

UNIT 2

Key words: desperate for – some rejuvenating sunshine – after – long British winter – Cyprus or Crete – to be – top of – your list – springtime months of – April and May – particularly pleasant times – to visit – temperatures – 70’s and 80’s – not yet up to – mid 90’s of July and August – hotter and drier than – anywhere else – Mediterranean – to see – our temperature guide – opposite – autumn months of – September and October – also very appealing and mean – to avoid – winter months – between December and February – carnivals – hardly – week – mostly – without some kind of

– celebration – in either island – to guarantee you – to spend your time – particularly festive

TEXT 2. Read and translate the text.

Cyprus & Crete. When to go

Desperate for some rejuvenating sunshine after the long British winter? The Cyprus or Crete should be top of your list. The springtime months of April and May are particularly pleasant times to visit, with the temperatures in the 70's and 80's, but not yet up to the mid 90's of July and August. (Cyprus is hotter and drier than anywhere else in the Mediterranean – see our temperature guide opposite). The autumn months of September and October are also very appealing and mean that you will avoid the winter months, between December and February. Carnivals are hardly a week mostly without some kind of celebration in either island guarantee that you spend your time particularly festive.

EXERCISES:

1. Choose the right answer:

1. Desperate for some _____ after the long British winter?
 - A. rejuvenating moonshine
 - B. rejuvenating sunshine
 - C. rejuvenating star-shine
 - D. rejuvenating lamp-shine
2. The Cyprus or Crete should be _____.
 - A. top of your list
 - B. bottom of your list
 - C. back of your list
 - D. tip of your list
3. The springtime months of April and May are particularly pleasant times to visit, with the temperatures in the 70's and 80's, but not yet up to the mid 90's of July and August. (Cyprus is hotter and drier than anywhere else in the Mediterranean – see our _____ opposite).
 - A. sight guide
 - B. tour guide
 - C. theatre guide
 - D. temperature guide
4. The autumn months of September and October are also very _____ that you will avoid the winter months, between December and February.

- A. unappealing and mean
- B. unvisited and mean
- C. appealing and mean
- D. non-crowded and mean

5. Carnivals are hardly a week mostly without some kind of _____ in either island guarantee that you spend your time particularly festive.

- A. drink
- B. meal
- C. celebration
- D. event

2. Match the right variants:

rejuvenating	winter
British	months
springtime	sunshine
pleasant	months
temperature	months
autumn	island
winter	times
either	guide

3. Read the text and try to retell it in your own words:

Harpy

In Greek mythology and Roman mythology, a **harpy** (plural **harpies**) was a female monster in the form of a bird with a human face. They steal food from their victims while they are eating and carry evildoers (especially those who have killed their family) to the Erinyes. They seem originally to have been wind spirits. Their name means "snatchers".

Homer wrote that a harpy was the mother of the two horses of Achilles sired by the West Wind Zephyros.

Hesiod calls them two "lovely-haired" creatures, the daughters of Thaumas and Electra (not to be confused with Electra, daughter of King Agamemnon), who were sisters of the Iris. Pottery art depicting the harpies featured beautiful women with wings. Harpies as ugly winged bird-women, *e.g.* in Aeschylus' *The Eumenides* (line 50) are a late development. Roman and Byzantine writers detailed their ugliness.

Mythology



A Harpy, wings disclosed.

King Phineus of Thrace, was given the gift of prophecy by Zeus. Angry that Phineus gave away the god's secret plan, Zeus punished him by blinding him and putting him on an island with a buffet of food which he could never eat because the harpies always arrived to steal the food out of his hands before he could satisfy his hunger, and befouled the remains of his food. This continued until the arrival of Jason and the Argonauts. The Boreads, sons of Boreas, the North Wind, who also could fly, succeeded in driving off the harpies, but without killing any of them, following a request from Iris, who promised that Phineus would not be bothered by the harpies again. "The dogs of great Zeus" returned to their "cave in Minoan Crete". Thankful for their help, Phineus told the Argonauts how to pass the Symplegades.

In this form they were agents of punishment who abducted people and tortured them on their way to Tartarus. They were vicious, cruel and violent. They lived on the islands of the Strophades. They were usually seen as the personifications of the destructive nature of wind. The harpies in this tradition, now thought of as three sisters instead of the original two, Hesiod's two Harpies are named Aello ("storm swift") and Ocypete ("the swift wing"), Virgil's added Celaeno ("the dark") as a third. Homer knew of a Harpy named Podarge ("fleet-foot").

Aeneas encountered harpies on the Strophades as they repeatedly made off with the feast the Trojans were setting. Celaeno cursed them, saying the Trojans will be so hungry they will eat their tables before they reach the end of their journey. The Trojans fled in fear.

Harpies remained vivid in the Middle Ages. In his *Inferno*, XIII, Dante envisages the tortured wood infested with harpies, where the suicides have their punishment in the seventh ring of Hell:

Here the repellent harpies make their nests, Who drove the Trojans from the Strophades With dire announcements of the coming woe. They have broad wings,

with razor sharp talons and a human neck and face, Clawed feet and swollen, feathered bellies; they caw Their lamentations in the eerie trees.

UNIT 3

Key words: to feel – these islands greatest assets – to be – their people – very warm – friendly and hospitable – sure – to receive – excellent service – whatever – to go – Cyprus's status as – divided island – essential fact of life – however – southern two thirds – Greek – northern third – Turkish – whilst – sadly – little love lost between – two ethnic groups – impact – separation on – visitors – generally minimal – all of our featured hotels – on either side – should – to visit – both parts – across – border – day trips – to be usually permitted – as – case with – many Mediterranean resorts – most daytime activity – to focus upon – swimming pool – countryside outside – more commercialised resorts – very beautiful and well worth – visit – hiring – car – good idea – roads – generally quite good – driving – on left – road signs – on Cyprus – at least – in English – local driving eccentricities – to include – use of – horn – comparative lack of – indicating – dislike of – being overtaken

TEXT 3. Read and translate the text.

Cyprus & Crete. Observations and suggestions

We feel that these islands greatest assets are their people who are very warm, friendly and hospitable. You are sure to receive excellent service whatever you go.

Cyprus's status as a divided island is an essential fact of life, however the southern two thirds are Greek, the northern third is Turkish and whilst sadly, there is little love lost between the two ethnic groups, the impact of the separation on visitors is generally minimal. All of our featured hotels are on either side and should you visit both parts across the border, day trips are usually permitted.

As is the case with many Mediterranean resorts most daytime activity focuses upon the swimming pool. However, the countryside outside the more commercialised resorts is very beautiful and well worth a visit.

Hiring a car is a good idea. The roads are generally quite good, driving is on the left and the road signs (on Cyprus, at least) are in English. Local driving eccentricities, include use of the horn, a comparative lack of indicating and a dislike of being overtaken!

EXERCISES:

1. Choose the right answer:

1. We feel that these islands' greatest assets are their _____ who are very warm, friendly and hospitable.
A. resorts
B. people
C. nature
D. weather
2. You are sure to receive _____ whatever you go.
A. excellent food
B. excellent rooms
C. excellent service
D. excellent experience
3. Cyprus's status as a _____ is an essential fact of life, however the southern two thirds are Greek, the northern third is Turkish and whilst sadly, there is little love lost between the two ethnic groups, the impact of the separation on visitors is generally minimal.
A. divided country
B. divided land
C. divided city
D. divided island
4. All of our featured hotels are on either side and should you visit both parts across the border, _____ are usually permitted.
A. night trips
B. week-end trips
C. day trips
D. evening trips
5. As is the case with many _____ most daytime activity focuses upon the swimming pool.
A. Persian resorts
B. Atlantic resorts
C. Mediterranean resorts
D. Indian resorts
6. However, the _____ outside the more commercialised resorts is very beautiful and well worth a visit.
A. coast
B. countryside

C. mainland

D. megapolis

7. _____ a car is a good idea.

A. Hiring

B. Purchasing

C. Buying

D. Selling

8. The roads are generally quite good, driving is on the left and the road signs (on Cyprus, at least) are in _____.

A. Greek

B. Turkish

C. English

D. Minoan

9. Local _____, include use of the horn, a comparative lack of indicating and a dislike of being overtaken!

A. driving eccentricities

B. driving rules

C. driving license

D. driving ways

2. Match the right variants:

greatest	fact
excellent	status
Cyprus's	assets
divided	two thirds
essential	service
southern	island
northern	groups
little	hotels
ethnic	love
featured	side
either	lack
day	third
Mediterranean	pool
daytime	eccentricities
swimming	activity

commercialised	idea
good	resorts
road	resorts
driving	signs
comparative	trips

3. Read the text and try to retell it in your own words:



Typhon, also **Typhoeus**, **Typhaon** or **Typhos** was the deadliest monster of Greek mythology. The last son of Gaja, fathered by Tartarus, he was known as the "Father of All Monsters"; his wife Echidna was likewise the "Mother of All Monsters."

Mythology

Typhon was described in pseudo-Apollodorus, as the largest and most fearsome of all creatures. His human upper half reached as high as the stars, and his hands reached east and west. Instead of a human head, a hundred dragon heads erupted from his neck and shoulders (some, however, depict him as having a human head, with the dragon heads replacing the fingers on his hands). His bottom half consisted of gigantic viper coils that could reach the top of his head when stretched out and constantly made a hissing noise. His whole body was covered in wings, and fire flashed from his eyes, striking fear even into the Olympians.

Typhon attempts to destroy Zeus at the will of Gaia, because Zeus had imprisoned the Titans. Typhon overcomes Zeus in their first battle, and tears out Zeus' sinews. However, Hermes recovers the sinews and restores them to Zeus. Typhon is finally defeated by Zeus, who traps him underneath Mount Etna.

UNIT 4

Key words: amongst Crete's most distinguished five-star resort hotels – this stylish member – Leading Hotels of World – to occupy – cluster of – low-rise buildings – slopes – headland – about 17 miles from – Elonda village – with stunning views (over) – two secluded private beaches – blue waters of – Mirabello Bay – though – relaxed and informal – to be dedicated to – providing – very highest quality of – service – designed and appointed – in cool traditional Cretan style – to feature – host of – reassuring little touches of – luxury – to affirm – its prestige status – whether – to come – in search of – privacy or activity – hotel's impressive number of – amenities – spacious beaches – garden setting – to span – broadest spectrum of – taste and mood – main restaurants – to include – Artemis – for buffet breakfasts and lunches – 5 course dinner menus – Dionysos – gourmet a la carte restaurant – seafront Argonaut with lunchtime gulls – evening Italian fare – Kalenton – serving traditional Greek specialities – hotel – to hold – weekly gala dinner – Greek theme nights and seafood nights – pool bar – piano bar – lively waterfront bar – to offer contrasting venues for – relaxing drink – while – nightclub – focus for – after-dark entertainment – by day – to try out – heated saltwater swimming pool – fitness-centre – to play tennis – courts – floodlit – to test – your watersports skills – Club Nautique – waterskiing – sailing – speedboats – canoes – pedaloes – windsurfing – parasailing – diving lessons – for fee – all available – other amenities – to include – shops – beauty parlour – hairdresser – car and yacht hire – rooms and suites – main hotel – bungalows – to encompass – enormous choice of – accommodation styles – air-conditioning – floor-to-ceiling windows – with terrace or balcony – 30-channel satellite television/video – CD system – minibar – spacious marble bathroom with Jacuzzi bathtub – 24-hour room service – of particular interest to – our clients – superb 'Premium Club' waterfront bungalows – pictured – opposite – bungalow suites – to relax – on your private sundeck – sound of – waves – gently lapping around you – whilst – 'Exclusive Club' private pool bungalow suites – to offer – arguably – finest accommodation – on island

TEXT 4. Read and translate the text.

Elounda Beach. Crete

Amongst Crete's most distinguished five-star resort hotels, this stylish member of The Leading Hotels of the World occupies a cluster of low-rise buildings on the slopes of a headland about 17 miles from Elounda village, with stunning views over two secluded private beaches and the blue waters of Mirabello Bay. Though relaxed and informal, Elounda Beach is dedicated to providing the very highest quality of service. Designed and appointed in cool, traditional Cretan style, it features a host of reassuring little touches of luxury that affirm its prestige status. And, whether you come in search of privacy or activity, the hotel's impressive number of amenities and spacious beaches, garden setting span the broadest spectrum of taste and mood. Main restaurants include the Artemis, for buffet breakfasts and lunches and 5 course dinner menus, the Dionysos gourmet a la carte restaurant, the seafront Argonaut with lunchtime gulls and evening Italian fare, and the Kalenton, serving traditional Greek specialities. The hotel also holds a weekly gala dinner and Greek theme nights and seafood nights. A pool bar, piano bar, and lively waterfront bar offer contrasting venues for that relaxing drink – while the nightclub is a focus for after-dark entertainment. By day you can try out the heated saltwater swimming pool or the fitness-centre, play tennis (the courts are floodlit), or test your watersports skills at the Club Nautique, where waterskiing, sailing, speedboats, canoes, pedaloes, windsurfing, parasailing, and diving lessons (for a fee) are all available. Other amenities include shops, a beauty parlour and hairdresser, and car and yacht hire. The rooms and suites in the main hotel and bungalows encompass an enormous choice of accommodation styles. All have air-conditioning, floor-to-ceiling windows, with terrace or balcony, 30-channel satellite television/video, CD system, minibar, spacious marble bathroom with Jacuzzi bathtub, and 24-hour room service. Of particular interest to our clients will be the superb 'Premium Club' waterfront bungalows (pictured opposite) and bungalow suites, where you can relax on your private sundeck to the sound of the waves gently lapping around you – whilst the 'Exclusive Club' private pool bungalow suites offer what is arguably the finest accommodation on the island.

EXERCISES:

1. Choose the right answer:

1. Amongst Crete's most distinguished five-star resort hotels, this stylish member of The Leading Hotels of the World occupies a cluster of _____ - _____ on

the slopes of a headland about 17 miles from Elonda village, with stunning views over two secluded private beaches and the blue waters of Mirabello Bay.

A. above-rise buildings

B. high-rise buildings

C. up-rise buildings

D. low-rise buildings

2. Though relaxed and informal, Elonda Beach is dedicated to providing the very _____.

A. highest quality of service

B. lowest quality of service

C. highest quality of accommodation

D. lowest quality of accommodation

3. Designed and appointed in _____, _____, it features a host of reassuring little touches of luxury that affirm its prestige status.

A. warm, traditional Cretan style

B. cool, traditional Cretan style

C. cool, traditional Minoan style

D. warm, traditional Minoan style

4. And, whether you come in search of privacy or activity, the hotel's impressive number of amenities and spacious beaches, garden setting span the broadest spectrum of _____.

A. choice and mood

B. taste and mood

C. taste and choice

D. choice and experience

5. Main restaurants include the Artemis, for buffet breakfasts and lunches and 5 course dinner menus, the Dionysos gourmet a la carte restaurant, the seafront Argonaut with _____ and evening Italian fare, and the Kalenton, serving traditional Greek specialities.

A. lunchtime pigeons

B. lunchtime crows

C. lunchtime gulls

D. lunchtime albatrosses

6. The hotel also holds a _____ and Greek theme nights and seafood nights.

A. nightly gala dinner

B. daily gala dinner

C. weekly gala dinner

D. monthly gala dinner

7. A pool bar, piano bar, and lively waterfront bar offer contrasting venues for that relaxing drink – while the nightclub is a focus for _____ - _____ .

A. after-dark entertainment

B. before-dark entertainment

C. before-dawn entertainment

D. after-dawn entertainment

8. _____ you can try out the heated saltwater swimming pool or the fitness-centre, play tennis (the courts are floodlit), or test your watersports skills at the Club Nautique, where waterskiing, sailing, speedboats, canoes, pedaloes, windsurfing, parasailing, and diving lessons (for a fee) are all available.

A. By night

B. By dawn

C. By day

D. By date

9. Other amenities include _____, a beauty parlour and hairdresser, and car and yacht hire.

A. hairdresser's

B. barber's

C. laundry

D. shops

10. The rooms and suites in the main hotel and _____ encompass an enormous choice of accommodation styles.

A. bungalows

B. cottages

C. ranchos

D. villas

11. All have air-conditioning, _____ - _____ - _____, with terrace or balcony, 30-channel satellite television/video, CD system, minibar, spacious marble bathroom with Jacuzzi bathtub, and 24-hour room service.

A. floor-to-ceiling doors

B. floor-to-ceiling windows

C. floor-to-ceiling walls

D. floor-to-ceiling gates

12. Of particular interest to our clients will be the superb 'Premium Club' waterfront bungalows (pictured opposite) and bungalow suites, where you can relax on your

private sundeck to the sound of the waves gently lapping around you – whilst the ‘Exclusive Club’ private pool bungalow suites offer what is arguably the finest accommodation on the _____.

- A. isle
- B. island
- C. mainland
- D. continent

2. Match the right variants:

five-star resort	member
stylish	hotels
low-rise	village
Elonda	views
stunning	buildings
secluded private	Bay
blue	style
Mirabello	beaches
Elonda	status
very highest	number
traditional Cretan	quality
reassuring little	waters
prestige	setting
impressive	touches
spacious	Beach
garden	beaches
broadest	restaurants
main	spectrum
buffet	menus
5 course dinner	breakfasts
gourmet a la carte	Argonaut
seafront	restaurant
lunchtime	fare
evening Italian	gulls
traditional Greek	nights
seafood	specialities

weekly gala	nights
Greek theme	dinner
pool	entertainment
piano	lessons
lively waterfront	venues
contrasting	skills
relaxing	bar
after-dark	drink
saltwater swimming	bar
watersports	pool
Club	amenities
diving	styles
other	parlour
beauty	choice
yacht	service
main	bar
enormous	Nautique
accommodation	system
floor-to-ceiling	bungalows
30-channel satellite	suites
CD	television/video
spacious marble	hotel
Jacuzzi	bathroom
24-hour room	interest
particular	windows
our	bathtub
'Premium Club' waterfront	suites
bungalow	sundeck
your private	hire
bungalow	accommodation
finest	clients

3. Read the text and try to retell it in your own words:

Echidna (mythology)



In Greek mythology, **Echidna**, "she viper") was half woman half snake, known as the "Mother of All Monsters" because many of the more famous monsters in Greek myth were mothered by her. Hesiod's Theogony described her as: the goddess fierce Echidna who is half a nymph with glancing eyes and fair cheeks, and half again a huge snake, great and awful, with speckled skin, eating raw flesh beneath the secret parts of the holy earth. And there she has a cave deep down under a hollow rock far from the deathless gods and mortal men. There, then, did the gods appoint her a glorious house to dwell in: and she keeps guard in Arima beneath the earth, grim Echidna, a nymph who dies not nor grows old all her days.

Mythology

According to Apollodorus, Echidna was the daughter of Tartarus and Gaja while according to Hesiod, either Ceto and Phorcys or Chrysaor and the najad Calliope were her parents. Another account says her parents were Peiras and Styx (according to Pausanias, who did not know who Peiras was aside from her father). Echidna was *adrakaina*, with the face and torso of a beautiful woman (depicted as winged in archaic vase-paintings) and the body of a serpent, sometimes having two serpent's tails. She is also sometimes described, in archaic vase-painting, with a pair of echidnas performing sacred rites in a vineyard, while on the opposite side of the

vessel, goats were attacking the vines: thus chthonic Echidnae are presented as protectors of the vineyard.

The site of her cave Homer calls " Arima, couch of Typhoeus". When she and her mate attacked the Olympians, Zeus beat them back and punished Typhon by sealing him under Mount Etna. However, Zeus allowed Echidna and her children to live as a challenge to future heroes.

Although to Hesiod, she was an immortal and ageless nymph, according to Apollodorus, Echidna used to "carry off passers-by", until she was finally killed where she slept by Argus Panoptes, the hundred-eyed giant who served Hera.

UNIT 5

Key words: perched at – edge of – lush olive groves – Hotel Elounda Mare – to embrace – dazzling coastline of – Mirabello Bay – just outside – picturesque village of Elounda – traditional influences – to inspire – architect-owner – to start – resort – to exude – natural charm and simplicity – pleasant saunter – through well-tended gardens and archways – to lead – bungalow accommodation – recommended for – ‘Elegant resorts’ guests – comfortable rooms – charmingly embellished with – traditional artwork – for those seeking – more space and privacy – extensive Suites – to feature – separate lounge facility – private sea-water swimming pool – each air-conditioned room – to overlook – magnificent ultra-marine waters – Aegean Sea – out towards – ruins of – historical Venetian castle – nearby island of Spinalonga – sun-worshippers – to discover – secluded bathing spots – dotted along – headland – to prefer – to recline alongside – main pool area – sports enthusiasts – watersports – to be arranged to – sandy beach – including – waterskiing – scuba diving – pool and sailing-boat charters – tennis and table-tennis – to be – at hand – plus golf – executive 9 hole course – sister Hotel Elounda Mare – just 500 meters away – for families – small children’s playground – plus - paddling pool – main building – although – resort – relatively small – wide choice of – dining facilities here – with high standards of – service – as breakfast – to start – day – Deck Restaurant – guests – to watch – fisherman haul – in their catch of day – skills – to be tested – few hours later – delightful Yacht Club – Mill Restaurant – to feature – fine cuisine – together with – carefully selected choice of – wines – alternatively – on some days – Yacht Club – to offer – host of – local specialities of – seafood delicacies – highly recommended – sole member of – Relais and Chateaux – entire Greek archipelago

TEXT 5. Read and translate the text.

Hotel Elounda Mare. Elounda

Perched at the edge of lush olive groves, the Hotel Elounda Mare embraces the dazzling coastline of Mirabello Bay, just outside the picturesque village of Elounda. Traditional influences have inspired the architect-owner who has started a resort which exudes a natural charm and simplicity. A pleasant saunter through well-tended gardens and archways leads you to the bungalow accommodation. Recommended for 'Elegant resorts' guests, the comfortable rooms are charmingly embellished with traditional artwork. For those seeking more space and privacy, the extensive Suites feature a separate lounge facility and a private sea-water swimming pool. Each air-conditioned room overlooks the magnificent ultra-marine waters of the Aegean Sea and out towards the ruins of a historical Venetian castle on the nearby island of Spinalonga. Sun-worshippers can discover secluded bathing spots dotted along the headland or, if they prefer, recline alongside the main pool area. For sports enthusiasts watersports are arranged to the sandy beach, including waterskiing, scuba diving, pool and sailing-boat charters. Tennis and table-tennis are at hand plus golf at the executive 9 hole course at the sister Hotel Elounda Mare, just 500 meters away. For families, there is a small children's playground plus a paddling pool at the main building. Although the resort is relatively small there is a wide choice of dining facilities here with high standards of service. As breakfast starts the day at the Deck Restaurant, where guests watch the fisherman haul in their catch of the day. The skills can be tested a few hours later in the delightful Yacht Club. The Mill Restaurant features fine cuisine together with a carefully selected choice of wines. Alternatively, on some days, the Yacht Club offers a host of local specialities of seafood delicacies. Highly recommended and the sole member of Relais and Chateaux in the entire Greek archipelago.

EXERCISES:

1. Choose the right answer:

1. Perched at the edge of _____, the Hotel Elounda Mare embraces the dazzling coastline of Mirabello Bay, just outside the picturesque village of Elounda.
 - A. lush orange groves
 - B. lush olive groves
 - C. lush birch groves
 - D. lush mandarin groves

2. Traditional influences have inspired the _____-_____ who has started a resort which exudes a natural charm and simplicity.
- A. architect-owner
 - B. artist-owner
 - C. sculptor-owner
 - D. singer-owner
3. A _____ through well-tended gardens and archways leads you to the bungalow accommodation.
- A. pleasant walker
 - B. pleasant marcher
 - C. pleasant saunter
 - D. pleasant runner
4. Recommended for 'Elegant resorts' guests, the comfortable rooms are charmingly embellished with _____.
- A. traditional artwork
 - B. traditional brickwork
 - C. traditional stonework
 - D. traditional woodwork
5. For those seeking more _____, the extensive Suites feature a separate lounge facility and a private sea-water swimming pool.
- A. space and crowds
 - B. heat and privacy
 - C. heat and crowds
 - D. space and privacy
6. Each air-conditioned room overlooks the magnificent _____-_____ of the Aegean Sea and out towards the ruins of a historical Venetian castle on the nearby island of Spinalonga.
- A. ultra-marine waters
 - B. ultra-red waters
 - C. ultra-violet waters
 - D. ultra-blue waters
7. _____-_____ can discover secluded bathing spots dotted along the headland or, if they prefer, recline alongside the main pool area.
- A. Water-worshippers
 - B. Sea-worshippers
 - C. Sun-worshippers
 - D. Moon-worshippers

8. For sports _____ watersports are arranged to the sandy beach, including waterskiing, scuba diving, pool and sailing-boat charters.
- A. haters
 - B. watchers
 - C. observers
 - D. enthusiasts
9. Tennis and table-tennis are at hand plus golf at the executive 9 hole _____ at the sister Hotel Elounda Mare, just 500 meters away.
- A. field
 - B. course
 - C. court
 - D. lawn
10. For families, there is a small children's playground plus a paddling pool at the main _____.
- A. building
 - B. hall
 - C. courtyard
 - D. playground
11. Although the resort is relatively small there is a wide _____ of dining facilities here with high standards of service.
- A. range
 - B. spectrum
 - C. number
 - D. choice
12. As breakfast starts the day at the Deck Restaurant, where guests watch the _____ haul in their catch of the day.
- A. yachtsman
 - B. boatman
 - C. fisherman
 - D. shipman
13. The _____ can be tested a few hours later in the delightful Yacht Club.
- A. skills
 - B. opportunities
 - C. chances
 - D. possibilities

14. The Mill Restaurant features fine cuisine together with a carefully selected choice of _____.

- A. drinks
- B. beverages
- C. spirits
- D. wines

15. Alternatively, on some days, the Yacht Club offers a host of local specialities of _____.

- A. bakery delicacies
- B. seafood delicacies
- C. gastronomic delicacies
- D. gourmet delicacies

16. Highly recommended and the sole member of Relais and Chateaux in the entire Greek _____.

- A. isle
- B. island
- C. archipelago
- D. mainland

2. Match the right variants:

lush olive	gardens
Greek	groves
dazzling	standards
Mirabello	coastline
picturesque	Bay
traditional	village
natural	influences
pleasant	charm
well-tended	saunter
bungalow	guests
'Elegant resorts'	accommodation
comfortable	Suites
traditional	rooms
more	waters
extensive	space
separate lounge	facility

sea-water swimming	pool
each air-conditioned	room
magnificent ultra-marine	artwork
Aegean	castle
historical Venetian	Sea
nearby	spots
secluded bathing	island
main	Club
local	charters
sandy	diving
scuba	beach
sailing-boat	pool
9 hole	playground
carefully selected	choice
small children's	course
paddling	haul
main	specialities
wide	pool
dining	cuisine
high	Restaurant
fisherman	Restaurant
Yacht	facilities
Mill	archipelago
fine	building
Yacht	member
sole	choice

3. Read the text and try to retell it in your own words:



Scylla

In Greek mythology, **Scylla** as a monster that lived on one side of a narrow channel of water, opposite its counterpart Charibdys. The two sides of the strait were within an arrow's range of each other—so close that sailors attempting to avoid Charybdis would pass too close to Scylla and vice versa.

Traditionally the strait has been associated with the Strait of Messina between Italy and Sicily. The idiom "between Scylla and Charibdys" has come to mean being between two dangers, choosing either of which brings harm.

Mythology

Various Greek myths account for Scylla's origins and fate. According to some, she was one of the children of Phorcys and Ceto. Other sources, including Stesichorus, cite her parents as Triton and Lamia. According to John Tzetzes and Servius' commentary on the Aeneid, Scylla was a beautiful najad who was claimed by Poseidon, but the jealous Amphitrite turned her into a monster by poisoning the water of the spring where Scylla would bathe.

A similar story is found in Hyginus, according to whom Scylla was the daughter of the river god Crataeis and was loved by Glaucus, but Glaucus himself was also loved by the sorceress Circe. While Scylla was bathing in the sea, the jealous Circe poured a potion into the sea water which caused Scylla to transform into a monster with four eyes and six long necks equipped with grisly heads, each of which contained three rows of sharp teeth. Her body consisted of 12 tentacle-like legs

and a cat's tail, while four to six dog-heads ringed her waist. In this form, she attacked the ships of passing sailors, seizing one of the crew with each of her heads.

In a late Greek myth, recorded in Eustatius' commentary on Homer and, Heracles encountered Scylla during a journey to Sicily and slew her. Her father, the sea-god Phorcys, then applied flaming torches to her body and restored her to life.

Charybdis or **Kharybdis** was a sea monster, later rationalised as a whirlpool and considered a shipping hazard in the Strait of Messina.

Overview



The Strait of Messina, with Scylla (underlined in red) and Charybdis on the opposite shores

The sea monster Charybdis was believed to live under a small rock on one side of a narrow channel. Opposite her was **Scylla**, another sea-monster, that lived inside a much larger rock. The sides of the strait were within an arrow shot of each other, and sailors attempting to avoid one of them would come in reach of the other 'Between Scylla and Charibdys ' thus means to having to choose between two dangers, either of which brings harm. Three times a day, Charybdis swallowed a huge amount of water, before belching it back out again, creating large whirlpools capable of dragging a ship underwater. In some variations of the story, Charybdis was simply a large whirlpool instead of a sea monster.

A later myth makes Charybdis the daughter of Poseidon and Gaja and living as a loyal servant to Poseidon. She aided him in his feud with Zeus, and as such, helped him engulf lands and islands in water. Zeus, angry for the land she stole from him, cursed her into a hideous bladder of a monster, with flippers for arms and legs, and an

uncontrollable thirst for the sea. As such, she drank the water from the sea three times a day to quench it, which created whirlpools. She lingered on a rock with Scylla facing her directly on another rock, making a strait.

The theoretical size of Charybdis remains unknown, yet in order to consume Greek ships the whirlpool can be estimated to about 23 metres (75 ft) across. Charybdis has been associated with the Strait of Messina, off the coast of Sicily and opposite a rock on the mainland identified with Scylla. Were Charybdis to be located in the Strait of Messina it would in fact have the size to accommodate the whirlpool. A whirlpool does exist there, caused by currents meeting, but it is seldom dangerous.

UNIT 6

Key words: surely – one of – Mediterranean’s most charming and friendly five-star hotels – to stand around – acres of landscaped gardens – outskirts of – downtown – old town of Paphos – about 7 minute drive away – magnificent bay views and lush tropical landscaping – to combine (with) – extremely comfortable rooms and first-class facilities – to assure – relaxing and pampered stays – guests – to choose between – wide variety of – accommodation – each room – elegantly appointed with facilities – to include – air-conditioning – satellite TVs – minibars – private balconies – 24-hour room service – ‘Elegant resorts’ clients – to focus (upon) – superior sea-view rooms of – one of them – different types of – studios or suites – to split level – open plan studio suites with living room – bedroom areas – garden studio suites with two patios – beautifully-appointed – one bedroom regular suites with expansive verandahs – one or two bedroom deluxe suites – overlooking – harbor – families – to be particularly interested in – regular or superior suites with separate living rooms and sofa beds – whilst – one or two bedroom Presidential Suite – to be suitable (for) – most discerning traveler – resort’s daytime focus – to tend – to be – free-form swimming pool – veritable vision of – tropical splendor – complete with – towering palm trees – cascading waterfalls – sunbathing terraces – Jacuzzi – swim-in-grotto and swim-up bar – those in need of – additional pampering – to take advantage of – aromatherapy – reflexology and thalassotherapy treatments – Andromeda Health and Beauty Centre – floodlit tennis courts – squash court – semi-olympic swimming pool – heated – in winter – fitness room – full range of – watersports – recreational facilities – most taxing decision guests – to make – one of its four appealing restaurants – to frequent – all of them – serving – freshest of fruits and vegetables – organically grown – hotel’s private farm – casual snacks and buffet meals – as well as – early children’s dinners – Pergola – a la carte and table d’hote international cuisine

– Fontana Amorosa – fresh fish and Cypriot delicacies – beachside Mediterraneo – special occasions – to merit – gourmet French dinners – intimate Deck restaurant – live music – nightly feature – Byzantine Bar – excellent resort – thoroughly deserving – its world-class reputation – privately owned by – Michaelides family

TEXT 6. Read and translate the text.

The Annabelle. Paphos

Surely one of the Mediterranean's most charming and friendly five-star hotels. The Annabelle stands around six acres of landscaped gardens on the outskirts of Kato (downtown) Paphos. The old town of Paphos is about a 7 minute drive away. Magnificent bay views and lush tropical landscaping combine with extremely comfortable rooms and first-class facilities to assure relaxing and pampered stays. Guests can choose between a wide variety of accommodation, each room elegantly appointed and with facilities that include air-conditioning, satellite TVs, minibars, private balconies and 24-hour room service. 'Elegant resorts' clients should focus upon the superior sea-view rooms of one of them as different types of studios or suites split level or open plan studio suites with living room and bedroom areas, garden studio suites with two patios, beautifully-appointed one bedroom regular suites with expansive verandahs, or one or two bedroom deluxe suites overlooking the harbor. Families will be particularly interested in the regular or superior suites with separate living rooms and sofa beds, whilst the one or two bedroom Presidential Suite is suitable for the most discerning traveller.

The resort's daytime focus tends to be the free-form swimming pool, a veritable vision of tropical splendor complete with towering palm trees, cascading waterfalls, sunbathing terraces, Jacuzzi, swim-in-grotto and swim-up bar. Those in need of additional pampering can take advantage of the aromatherapy, reflexology and thalassotherapy treatments of The Andromeda Health and Beauty Centre. Two floodlit tennis courts, a squash court, a semi-olympic swimming pool (heated in the winter), a fitness room and a full range of watersports complete the recreational facilities.

The most taxing decision guests have to make at The Annabelle is which one of its four appealing restaurants to frequent, all of them serving the freshest of fruits and vegetables organically grown in the hotel's private farm – casual snacks and buffet meals (as well as early children's dinners) in The Pergola, a la carte and table d'hôte international cuisine in the Fontana Amorosa or fresh fish and Cypriot delicacies in the beachside Mediterraneo. Special occasions merit gourmet French dinners in the intimate Deck restaurant, whilst live music is a nightly feature of the Byzantine Bar.

An excellent resort thoroughly deserving its world-class reputation. Privately owned by the Michaelides family.

EXERCISES:

1. Choose the right answer:

1. Surely one of the Mediterranean's most charming and friendly _____ - _____
_____.
 - A. two-star hotels
 - B. three-star hotels
 - C. four-star hotels
 - D. five-star hotels
2. The Annabelle stands around six acres of _____ on the outskirts of Kato (downtown) Paphos.
 - A. landscaped gardens
 - B. landscaped fields
 - C. landscaped woods
 - D. landscaped mountains
3. The _____ of Paphos is about a 7 minute drive away.
 - A. new town
 - B. old town
 - C. modern town
 - D. old megapolis
4. Magnificent bay views and lush tropical landscaping combine with extremely comfortable rooms and first-class facilities to assure _____
_____.
 - A. relaxing and dull stays
 - B. relaxing and boring stays
 - C. relaxing and tiresome stays
 - D. relaxing and pampered stays
5. Guests can choose between a wide variety of accommodation, each _____ elegantly appointed and with facilities that include air-conditioning, satellite TVs, minibars, private balconies and 24-hour room service.
 - A. building
 - B. room
 - C. department
 - D. area

6. 'Elegant resorts' clients should focus upon the superior sea-view rooms of one of them as different types of _____ or suites split level or open plan studio suites with living room an bedroom areas, garden studio suites with two patios, beautifully-appointed one bedroom regular suites with expansive verandahs, or one or two bedroom deluxe suites overlooking the harbor.

- A. parlours
- B. studios
- C. lounges
- D. bedsits

7. Families will be particularly interested in the regular or superior suites with separate living rooms and sofa beds, whilst the one or two bedroom Presidential Suite is suitable for the most _____.

- A. discerning family
- B. discerning customer
- C. discerning traveller
- D. discerning client

8. The resort's daytime focus tends to be the _____-_____, a veritable vision of tropical splendor complete with towering palm trees, cascading waterfalls, sunbathing terraces, Jacuzzi, swim-in-grotto and swim-up bar.

- A. strict-form swimming pool
- B. free-form swimming pool
- C. no-form swimming pool
- D. extra-form swimming pool

9. Those in need of _____ can take advantage of the aromatherapy, reflexology and thalassotherapy treatments of The Andromeda Health and Beauty Centre.

- A. additional indulging
- B. additional hub
- C. additional pampering
- D. additional money-spending

10. Two floodlit tennis courts, a squash court, a _____-_____ (heated in the winter), a fitness room and a full range of watersports complete the recreational facilities.

- A. Olympic-size swimming pool
- B. fully-olympic swimming pool
- C. semi-olympic swimming pool
- D. almost-olympic swimming pool

11. The most taxing decision guests have to make at The Annabelle is which one of its four appealing restaurants to frequent, all of them serving the freshest of fruits and vegetables organically grown in the hotel's private farm – casual snacks and buffet meals (as well as early children's dinners) in The Pergola, a la carte and table d'hôte international cuisine in the Fontana Amorosa or fresh fish and _____ in the beachside Mediterraneo.

A. Cypriot delicacies

B. Turkish delicacies

C. Greek delicacies

D. Eastern delicacies

12. _____ merit gourmet French dinners in the intimate Deck restaurant, whilst live music is a nightly feature of the Byzantine Bar.

A. Everyday events

B. Nightly occasions

C. Special occasions

D. Ordinary meals

13. An excellent resort thoroughly deserving its _____ - _____.

A. Europe-class reputation

B. Greek-class reputation

C. world-class reputation

D. Cypriot-class reputation

14. Privately owned by the _____.

A. Michaelides group

B. Michaelides chain

C. Michaelides clan

D. Michaelides family

2. Match the right variants:

five-star	rooms
six	hotels
landscaped	acres
old	gardens
7 minute	stays
magnificent bay	town
lush tropical	balconies
extremely comfortable	landscaping

first-class	drive
pampered	facilities
wide	views
each	variety
satellite	service
private	room
24-hour room	TVs
'Elegant resorts'	rooms
superior sea-view	suites
different	clients
open plan studio	types
living	areas
bedroom	suites
garden studio	room
two	suites
one bedroom regular	patios
expansive	suites
two bedroom deluxe	verandahs
superior	rooms
separate living	suites
sofa	traveller
Presidential	beds
most discerning	Suite
resort's daytime	pool
free-form swimming	focus
veritable	splendor
tropical	vision
towering palm	waterfalls
cascading	trees
sunbathing	treatments
swim-up	terraces
additional	bar
thalassotherapy	pampering
two floodlit tennis	court
squash	courts

semi-olympic swimming	room
fitness	pool
full	facilities
recreational	range
most taxing decision	restaurants
four appealing hotel's private	guests snacks
casual	farm
buffet	dinners
early children's	meals
table d'hote international	delicacies
Fontana	Mediterraneo
fresh	cuisine
Cypriot	reputation
beachside	Amorosa
special	fish
gourmet French	occasions
intimate Deck	dinners
live	Bar
nightly	restaurant
Byzantine	music
excellent	resort
world-class	feature

3. Read the text and try to retell it in your own words:

Sphinx

Grouping	Legendary creature
Sub grouping	Mythological hybrids
Similar creatures	Griffin
Mythology	Asian, Egyptian, Greek





A **sphinx** is a Mythical creature with, as a minimum, the body of a lion and a human head.

In Greek tradition, it has the haunches of a lion, sometimes with the wings of a great bird, and the face of a human. It is mythicised as treacherous and merciless. Those who cannot answer its riddle suffer a fate typical in such mythological stories, as they are killed and eaten by this ravenous monster. This deadly version of a sphinx appears in the myth and drama of Oedipus. Unlike the Greek sphinx which was a woman, the Egyptian sphinx is typically shown as a man (an **androsphinx**). In addition, the Egyptian sphinx was viewed as benevolent, but having a ferocious strength similar to the malevolent Greek version and were both thought of as a guardian often flanking the entrances to temples.

In European decorative art, the sphinx enjoyed a major revival during the Renaissance. Later, the sphinx image, something very similar to the original Ancient Egyptian concept, was exported into many other cultures, albeit often interpreted quite differently due to translations of descriptions of the originals and the evolution of the concept in relation to other cultural traditions.

Generally the role of sphinxes is associated with architectural structures such as royal tombs or religious temples. The oldest known sphinx was found near Gobekli Tepe at another site, Nevali Çori, or possibly 120 miles to the east at Kortik Tepe, Turkey, and was dated to 9,500 BCE.

Greek traditions

From the Bronze age, the Hellenes had trade and cultural contacts with Egypt. Before the time that Alexander the Great occupied Egypt, the Greek name, *sphinx*,

was already applied to these statues. The historians and geographers of Greece wrote extensively about Egyptian culture. Herodotus called the ram-headed sphinxes **Criosphinxes** and called the hawk-headed ones Hieracosphynxes.

The word *sphinx* comes from the Greek, apparently from the verb meaning "to squeeze", "to tighten up". This name may be derived from the fact that the hunters for a pride of lions are the lionesses, and kill their prey by strangulation, biting the throat of prey and holding them down until they die. However, the historian Susan Wise Bauer suggests that the word "sphinx" was instead a Greek corruption of the Egyptian name "shesepankh," which meant "living image," and referred rather to the *statue* of the sphinx, which was carved out of "living rock" (rock that was present at the construction site, not harvested and brought from another location), than to the beast itself.

There was a single *sphinx* in Greek mythology, a unique demon of destruction and bad luck. According to Hesiod, she was a daughter of Orthus and either Echidna or the Chimera, or perhaps even Ceto; according to others, she was a daughter of Echidna and Typhon. All of these are chthonic figures from the earliest of Greek myths, before the Olympians ruled the Greek pantheon. The Sphinx is called Phix by Hesiod in line 326 of the Theogony, the proper name for the Sphinx.

In Greek mythology, a sphinx is represented as a monster with a head of a woman, the body of a lioness, the wings of an eagle, and a serpent-headed tail.

The sphinx was the emblem of the ancient city-state of Chios, and appeared on seals and the obverse side of coins from the 6th century BCE until the 3rd century BCE.

The Riddle of the Sphinx

The Sphinx is said to have guarded the entrance to the Greek city of Thebes, and to have asked a riddle of travellers to allow them passage. The exact riddle asked by the Sphinx was not specified by early tellers of the stories, and was not standardized as the one given below until late in Greek history.

It was said in late lore that Hera or Ares sent the Sphinx from her Ethiopian homeland (the Greeks always remembered the foreign origin of the Sphinx) to Thebes in Greece where she asks all passersby the most famous riddle in history: "Which creature has one voice and yet becomes four-footed and two-footed and three-footed?" She strangled and devoured anyone unable to answer. Oedipus solved the riddle by answering: Man—who crawls on all fours as a baby, then walks on two feet as an adult, and then uses a walking stick in old age. By some accounts (but much more rarely), there was a second riddle: "There are two sisters: one gives birth to the other and she, in turn, gives birth to the first. Who are the two sisters?" The

answer is "day and night" (both words are feminine in Greek). This riddle is also found in a Gascon version of the myth and could be very ancient.

Bested at last, the tale continues, the Sphinx then threw herself from her high rock and died. An alternative version tells that she devoured herself. Thus Oedipus can be recognized as a "liminal" or threshold figure, helping effect the transition between the old religious practices, represented by the death of the Sphinx, and the rise of the new, Olympian gods.

There are mythic, anthropological, psychoanalytic and parodic interpretations of the Riddle of the Sphinx, and of Oedipus's answer to it. Sigmund Freud describes "the question of where babies come from" as a riddle of the Sphinx. Numerous riddle books use the Sphinx in their title or illustrations.

Sphinx is indeed reported to have had many Riddles, but this offered to Oedipus was the chief, "What is that which in the morning goes upon four feet; upon two feet in the afternoon; and in the Evening upon three?" What was answered by Oedipus is not known. But they who interpret concerning the Ages of Man are deceived. For a Quadrangle of Four Elements are of all things first to be considered, from thence we come to the Hemisphere having two lines, a Right and a Curve, that is, to the White Luna; from thence to the Triangle which consists of Body, Soul and Spirit, or Sol, Luna and Mercury. Hence Rhasis in his Epistles, "The Stone," says he, "is a Triangle in its essence, a Quadrangle in its quality."

UNIT 7

Key words: member of – Leading Hotels of World – to enjoy – breeze-cooled beach setting – outskirts of – Kato – downtown Paphos – 1½ miles from – old town of Paphos – distinguished by – its unique monastic exterior and modern designed interior – guests – to take advantage – some of – finest facilities – available – on island – commanding columns and marble floors – to feature in – number of – split-level public areas – whilst all of – 257 private guest rooms – luxuriously appointed with in-room facilities – to include – air-conditioning – minibars – televisions – marble bathrooms and private balconies – most of them – to overlook – pool – sea – freeform swimming pool – complete with – pool bar – footbridge – whirlpool and children's paddling pool – to dominate – hotel's manicured gardens – beach – variety of – watersports – easily accessed via – short walk – across lawns – hotel – also – to offer – lovely heated indoor swimming pool – floodlit tennis courts – well-equipped gymnasium – to encourage – activity – slightly multi-strenuous nature – sauna – steam-bath and massage facilities – Health and Leisure Centre – to be sure – to alleviate – any stresses and strains – days – usually – to begin with – informal

breakfasts – Byzantium Coffee Shop – to be punctuated with – casual lunches – snacks – ice-cream or afternoon tea – in evenings – refreshing cocktails – accompanied by – piano music – to be enjoyed in – lounge – alfresco terrace – Amphitheatre bar – followed by – choice of – inter-national or local cuisine – Amorosa or Rotisserie restaurants – during – summer months – delicious Italian buffet – to be served outside at – La Terrazza – certainly – one of – finest and most popular family resorts – in Cyprus

TEXT 7. Read and translate the text.

Paphos Amathus Beach Hotel

A member of The Leading Hotels of the World, the Paphos Amathus Beach Hotel enjoys a breeze-cooled beach setting on the outskirts of Kato (downtown) Paphos and is 1½ miles from the old town of Paphos. Distinguished by its unique monastic exterior and modern designed interior, guests here can take advantage of some of the finest facilities available on the island. Commanding columns and marble floors feature in a number of the split-level public areas, whilst all of the 257 private guest rooms are luxuriously appointed, with in-room facilities that include air-conditioning, minibars, televisions, marble bathrooms and private balconies. Most of them overlook the pool and the sea. The freeform swimming pool, complete with pool bar, footbridge, whirlpool and children's paddling pool, dominates the hotel's manicured gardens, whilst the beach and a variety of watersports are easily accessed via a short walk across the lawns. The hotel also offers lovely heated indoor swimming pool, whilst the floodlit tennis courts and a well-equipped gymnasium encourage activity of a slightly multi-strenuous nature. The sauna, steam-bath and massage facilities of the Health and Leisure Centre are sure to alleviate any stresses and strains. Days at Paphos Amathus usually begin with informal breakfasts in the Byzantium Coffee Shop and are punctuated with casual lunches, snacks, ice-cream or afternoon tea. In the evenings, refreshing cocktails accompanied by piano music can be enjoyed in the lounge or on the alfresco terrace of the Amphitheatre bar, followed by a choice of inter-national or local cuisine in Amorosa or Rotisserie restaurants. During the summer months a delicious Italian buffet is served outside at La Terrazza. Certainly one of the finest and most popular family resorts in Cyprus.

EXERCISES:

1. Choose the right answer:

1. A member of The Leading Hotels of the World, the Paphos Amathus Beach Hotel enjoys a _____-_____ _____ on the outskirts of Kato (downtown) Paphos and is 1½ miles from the old town of Paphos.

- A. wind-cooled beach setting
- B. breeze-cooled beach setting
- C. sun-cooled beach setting
- D. moon-cooled beach setting

2. Distinguished by its _____ _____ and modern designed interior, guests here can take advantage of some of the finest facilities available on the island.

- A. unique chic exterior
- B. unique monastic interior
- C. unique ultra-modern exterior
- D. unique monastic exterior

3. Commanding columns and marble floors feature in a number of the _____-_____ _____, whilst all of the 257 private guest rooms are luxuriously appointed, with in-room facilities that include air-conditioning, minibars, televisions, marble bathrooms and private balconies.

- A. split-level public areas
- B. multi-level public areas
- C. upper-level public areas
- D. below-level public areas

4. Most of them overlook the _____ and the sea.

- A. wood
- B. mountain
- C. valley
- D. pool

5. The freeform swimming pool, complete with pool bar, footbridge, whirlpool and children's paddling pool, dominates the hotel's _____ _____, whilst the beach and a variety of watersports are easily accessed via a short walk across the lawns.

- A. wild gardens
- B. savage gardens
- C. deserted gardens
- D. manicured gardens

6. The hotel also offers lovely heated indoor swimming pool, whilst the floodlit tennis courts and a _____-_____ _____ encourage activity of a slightly multi-strenuous nature.

- A. well-equipped gymnasium

- B. well-equipped gymnasium
- C. well-equipped lyceum
- D. well-equipped solarium

7. The sauna, steam-bath and massage facilities of the Health and Leisure Centre are sure to alleviate any _____.

- A. peace and rest
- B. rest and relaxation
- C. relaxation and indulging
- D. stresses and strains

8. Days at Paphos Amathus usually begin with informal breakfasts in the _____ and are punctuated with casual lunches, snacks, ice-cream or afternoon tea.

- A. Byzantium Tea Shop
- B. Byzantium Coffee Shop
- C. Byzantium Brandy Shop
- D. Byzantium Whisky Shop

9. In the evenings, refreshing cocktails accompanied by piano music can be enjoyed in the _____ or on the alfresco terrace of the Amphitheatre bar, followed by a choice of inter-national or local cuisine in Amorosa or Rotisserie restaurants.

- A. salon
- B. parlour
- C. lounge
- D. rest-room

10. During the summer months a _____ is served outside at La Terrazza.

- A. delicious Italian breakfast
- B. delicious Italian lunch
- C. delicious Italian buffet
- D. delicious Italian snack

11. Certainly one of the finest and most popular _____ in Cyprus.

- A. family boarding-houses
- B. family sanatoriums
- C. family sequestrations
- D. family resorts

2. Match the right variants:

breeze-cooled beach	facilities
popular family	setting
unique monastic	months
modern designed	exterior
finest	interior
commanding	floors
marble	columns
split-level	guest rooms
alfresco	public areas
in-room	bathrooms
marble	balconies
private	facilities
freeform	bar
pool	facilities
children's	swimming pool
hotel's	swimming pool
short	breakfasts
indoor	paddling pool
floodlit	manicured gardens
well-equipped	tennis courts
slightly multi-strenuous	walk
massage	gymnasium
Leisure	Coffee Shop
informal	Centre
Byzantium	buffet
casual	nature
afternoon	cocktails
refreshing	tea
piano	music
Amphitheatre	terrace
local	lunches
delicious Italian	cuisine
summer	resorts

3. Read the text and try to retell it in your own words:

Chimera (mythology)

The **Chimera** was, according to Greek mythology, a monstrous fire-breathing hybrid creature of Lycia in Asia Minor, composed of the parts of three animals – a lion, a snake and a goat. Usually depicted as a lion, with the head of a goat arising from its back, and a tail that ended in a snake's head, the Chimera was one of the offspring of Typhon and Echidna and a sibling of such monsters as Cerberus and the Lernaean Hydra.

The term chimera has come to describe any mythical or fictional animal with parts taken from various animals, or to describe anything composed of very disparate parts, or perceived as wildly imaginative or implausible.

Description



"Chimera of Arezzo": an Etruscan bronze

Homer's brief description in the *Iliad* is the earliest surviving literary reference: "a thing of immortal make, not human, lion-fronted and snake behind, a goat in the middle, and snorting out the breath of the terrible flame of bright fire". Elsewhere in the *Iliad*, Homer attributes the rearing of Chimera to Amisodorus. Hesiod's *Theogony* follows the Homeric description: he makes the Chimera the issue of Echidna: "*She was the mother of Chimaera who breathed raging fire, a creature fearful, great, swift-footed and strong, who had three heads, one of a grim-eyed lion; in her hinderpart, a dragon; and in her middle, a goat, breathing forth a fearful blast of blazing fire. Her did Pegasus and noble Bellerophon slay*". The author of the *Bibliotheka* concurs: descriptions agree that she breathed fire. The Chimera is generally considered to have been female (see the quotation from Hesiod above) despite the mane adorning its lion's head, the inclusion of a close mane often was depicted on lionesses, but the ears always were visible (that does not occur with depictions of male lions). Sighting the Chimera was an omen of storms, shipwrecks, and natural disasters (particularly volcanoes).



Gold reel, possibly an ear-stud, with winged Pegasus (outer band) and the Chimera (inner band), Magna Graecia or Etruria, fourth century BC (Louvre)

While there are different genealogies, in one version the Chimera mated with her brother Orthus and mothered the Sphinx and the Nemean lion (others have Orthus and their mother, Echidna, mating; most attribute all to Typhon and Echidna).

The Chimera finally was defeated by Bellerophon, with the help of Pegasus, at the command of King Iobates of Lycia. Since Pegasus could fly, Bellerophon shot the Chimera from the air, safe from her heads and breath. A scholialist to Homer adds that he finished her off by equipping his spear with a lump of lead that melted when exposed to the Chimera's fiery breath and consequently killed her, an image drawn from metalworking.

Robert Graves suggests, "The Chimera was, apparently, a calendar-symbol of the tripartite year, of which the seasonal emblems were lion, goat, and serpent."



Pebble mosaic depicting Bellerophon killing the Chimera, from Rhodes archaeological museum

The Chimera was situated in foreign Lycia, but her representation in the arts was wholly Greek. An autonomous tradition, one that did not rely on the written word, was represented in the visual repertory of the Greek vase-painters. The Chimera first appears at an early stage in the proto-Corinthian pottery-painters' repertory, providing some of the earliest identifiable mythological scenes that can be

recognized in Greek art. The Corinthian type is fixed, after some early hesitation, in the 670s BC; the variations in the pictorial representations suggest to Marilyn Low Schmitt a multiple origin. The fascination with the monstrous devolved by the end of the seventh century into a decorative Chimera-motif in Corinth, while the motif of Bellerophon on Pegasus took on a separate existence alone. A separate Attic tradition, where the goats breathe fire and the animal's rear is serpent-like, begins with such confidence that Marilyn Low Schmitt is convinced there must be unrecognized earlier local prototypes. Two vase-painters employed the motif so consistently they are given the pseudonyms the Bellerophon Painter and the Chimaera Painter. A fire-breathing lioness was one of the earliest of solar and war deities in Ancient Egypt (representations from 3000 years prior to the Greek) and influences are feasible.

In Etruscan civilization, the Chimera appears in the Orientalizing period that precedes Etruscan Archaic art; that is to say, very early indeed. The Chimera appears in Etruscan wall-paintings of the fourth century BC.

In Medieval Art, though the Chimera of Antiquity was forgotten, chimerical figures appear as embodiments of the deceptive, even Satanic forces of raw nature. Provided with a human face and a scaly tail, as in Dante's vision of Gervyon in *Inferno* xvii.7–17, 25–27, hybrid monsters, more akin to the Manticore of Pliny's *Natural History* (viii.90), provided iconic representations of hypocrisy and fraud well into the seventeenth century, through an emblematic representation in Cesare Ripa's *Iconologia*.

UNIT 8

Key words: characterized by – its architect's clever use of – space and light – not to mention – its refined but modern design – to enjoy – prime coastline location – just 15 minutes drive from – Limassol city centre – set amidst – some 20,000 acres of landscaped gardens – its palm-studded lawns – to extend – right down to – secluded sandy beach – at hub of – resort – large fresh-water swimming pool – children's paddling pool – surrounded by – spacious terraces – sunbathing – to be enhanced by – poolside waiter service with drinks – snacks and ice-creams – available from – Aloha Bar – those keen to expend – little more energy – to indulge in – tennis – squash – water-sports – whilst – Health Centre – to be equipped – to meet – demands of – most dedicated fitness fanatic – offering – gymnasium – heated indoor pool – steam baths – saunas and massage facilities – restaurants – to offer – choice of – casual or formal dining – Anthea Restaurant and Terrace – to serve – anything from... to – sumptuous breakfast and luncheon buffets – snacks and home-baked pastries – whilst – Salaminia – to be celebrated for – its lavish menus – enhanced by

– fine wines and unobtrusive entertainment – evenings – to tend – to focus upon – elegant Tycoons Bar – live piano music – to accompany – sea views – refreshing concoctions – barman – accommodation – to be pleasingly appointed in – soothing pastel tones – with each spacious room – featuring – air-conditioning – satellite TVs – mini-bars and private balconies with inland or sea views – executive suites – to have – additional facilities of – Jacuzzi bathtubs – guaranteed sea views – to establish – excellent reputation for service – to play host to – many Heads of State

TEXT 8. Read and translate the text.

Hawaii Beach Hotel. Limassol

Characterized by its architect's clever use of space and light, not to mention its refined but modern design, the Hawaii Beach Hotel enjoys a prime coastline location just 15 minutes drive from Limassol city centre. Set amidst some 20,000 acres of landscaped gardens, its palm-studded lawns extend right down to a secluded sandy beach. At the hub of the resort is a large fresh-water swimming pool and a children's paddling pool surrounded by spacious terraces. Sunbathing is enhanced by poolside waiter service with drinks, snacks and ice-creams available from the Aloha Bar. Those keen to expend a little more energy can indulge in tennis, squash or water-sports, whilst the Health Centre is equipped to meet the demands of the most dedicated fitness fanatic, offering a gymnasium, heated indoor pool, steam baths, saunas and massage facilities. Two restaurants offer a choice of casual or formal dining. The Anthea Restaurant and Terrace serves anything from sumptuous breakfast and luncheon buffets to snacks and home-baked pastries whilst the Salaminia is celebrated for its lavish menus, enhanced by fine wines and unobtrusive entertainment. Evenings tend to focus upon the elegant Tycoons Bar, where live piano music accompanies the sea views and the refreshing concoctions of the barman. Accommodation is pleasingly appointed in soothing pastel tones, with each spacious room featuring air-conditioning, satellite TVs, mini-bars and private balconies with inland or sea views. Executive suites have the additional facilities of Jacuzzi bathtubs and guaranteed sea views. The Hawaii Beach Hotel has established an excellent reputation for service and has played host to many Heads of State.

EXERCISES:

1. Choose the right answer:

1. Characterized by its _____ of space and light, not to mention its refined but modern design, the Hawaii Beach Hotel enjoys a prime coastline location just 15 minutes drive from Limassol city centre.

- A. manager's clever use
- B. artist's clever use
- C. architect's clever use
- D. builder's clever use

2. Set amidst some 20,000 acres of landscaped gardens, its _____-_____ _____ extend right down to a secluded sandy beach.

- A. chestnut-studded lawns
- B. plane-studded lawns
- C. palm-studded lawns
- D. cypress-studded lawns

3. At the _____ of the resort is a large fresh-water swimming pool and a children's paddling pool surrounded by spacious terraces.

- A. disposal
- B. hand
- C. use
- D. hub

4. Sunbathing is enhanced by _____ _____ _____ with drinks, snacks and ice-creams available from the Aloha Bar.

- A. poolside porter service
- B. poolside bellman service
- C. poolside waiter service
- D. poolside manager service

5. Those keen to expend a little more _____ can indulge in tennis, squash or water-sports, whilst the Health Centre is equipped to meet the demands of the most dedicated fitness fanatic, offering a gymnasium, heated indoor pool, steam baths, saunas and massage facilities.

- A. time
- B. energy
- C. money
- D. interest

6. Two restaurants offer a _____ of casual or formal dining.

- A. change
- B. chance
- C. choice
- D. chase

7. The Anthea Restaurant and Terrace serves anything from sumptuous breakfast and luncheon buffets to snacks and _____-_____ _____ whilst the Salaminia is

celebrated for its lavish menus, enhanced by fine wines and unobtrusive entertainment.

A. home-roasted pastries

B. home-fried pastries

C. home-baked pastries

D. home-stewed pastries

8. Evenings tend to focus upon the elegant Tycoons Bar, where live piano music accompanies the sea views and the _____ of the barman.

A. refreshing cocktails

B. refreshing drinks

C. refreshing beverages

D. refreshing concoctions

9. Accommodation is pleasingly appointed in _____, with each spacious room featuring air-conditioning, satellite TVs, mini-bars and private balconies with inland or sea views.

A. bright pastel tones

B. vivid pastel tones

C. soothing pastel tones

D. faded pastel tones

10. Executive suites have the _____ of Jacuzzi bathtubs and guaranteed sea views.

A. additional facilities

B. standard facilities

C. extra facilities

D. complimentary facilities

11. The Hawaii Beach Hotel has established an _____ for service and has played host to many Heads of State.

A. stained reputation

B. bad reputation

C. notorious reputation

D. excellent reputation

2. Match the right variants:

architect's clever	design
modern	location
prime coastline	drive
15 minutes	use

Limassol city	gardens
landscaped	centre
palm-studded	beach
secluded sandy	lawns
fresh-water	paddling pool
children's	swimming pool
spacious	balconies
poolside waiter	Centre
excellent	service
little more	entertainment
additional	fitness fanatic
most dedicated	views
heated	terraces
guaranteed	facilities
massage	facilities
two	buffets
formal	restaurants
Jacuzzi	indoor pool
sumptuous	dining
luncheon	concoctions
home-baked	breakfast
lavish	pastries
fine	menus
unobtrusive	reputation
piano	music
live	views
sea	pastel tones
refreshing	wines
soothing	bathtubs
each	spacious room
satellite	suites
private	TVs
sea	energy
executive	sea views

3. Read the text and try to retell it in your own words:

Cerberus

Cerberus
(Kérberos)



Detail of sculpture of god Hades with
Cerberus

Grouping	Legendary creature
Mythology	Greek mythology and Roman mythology
Country	Greece, Italy
Habitat	Underworld



Cerberus in Greek and Roman mythology, is a multi-headed (usually three-headed) dog, or "hellhound" with a serpent's tail, a mane of snakes, and a lion's claws. He guards the entrance of the underworld to prevent the dead from escaping and the living from entering. Cerberus is featured in many works of ancient Greek and Roman literature and in works of both ancient and modern art and architecture, although the depiction of Cerberus differs across various renditions. The most notable difference is the number of his heads: Most sources describe or depict three heads; others show Cerberus with two or even just one; a smaller number of sources show a variable number, sometimes as many as 50 or even 100.

In mythology

Cerberus is the offspring of Echidna, a hybrid half-woman and half-serpent, and Typhon, a gigantic monster even the Greek gods feared. Its siblings are the Lernaean Hydra; Orthrus, a two-headed hellhound; and the Chimera, a three-headed monster. The common depiction of Cerberus in Greek mythology and art is as having three heads. In most works, the three heads each respectively see and represent the past, the present, and the future, while other sources suggest the heads represent birth, youth, and old age. Each of Cerberus' heads is said to have an appetite only for live meat and thus allow only the spirits of the dead to freely enter the underworld, but allow none to leave. Cerberus was always employed as Hades' loyal watchdog, and guarded the gates that granted access and exit to the underworld.

UNIT 9

Key words: overlooking – sandy beach – luxury 324-roomed resort hotel – 15 minutes drive from – city of Limassol – its stylish modern architecture – to be tempered by – tropical palm trees – subtle lighting and fine furnishings – spacious guest accommodation – to be distributed over – floors – third of – rooms – boasting – memorable views of – Mediterranean – in-room amenities – to include – air-conditioning – satellite TVs – minibars – marble bathrooms with bathrobes – spacious private balconies – 24-hour room service – to choose between – superior rooms – honeymoon suites – several themed suites – including – Royal Brunei Suite – Prince Suite – leisure facilities – deliberately – to cater – entire family – everyone – to take advantage – expansive free-form outdoor pool with Jacuzzis – heated indoor seawater pool with sauna – floodlit tennis courts – squash courts – gymnasium and watersports – PADE Star 5 scuba diving centre – whilst – children – particularly to enjoy – water slide pool – supervised activities – Children's Centre – adults – to surrender themselves to – relaxing massages and beauty treatments – 'Thalasso Spa' – yet – fun-filled days – swiftly – to transform into – romantic candlelit evenings with international specialities – served in – dramatic Greek-style Palace-restaurant – adventurous dishes – presented in – formal Seasons Oriental restaurant – those seeking – more casual ambience – to enjoy – local and exotic dishes – alfresco Cafe Tropical – overlooking – meandering fish-stocked lagoon – live music – to ensure – Vista Bar and Terrace – popular venues for – evening cocktails – good choice for – families – for those seeking – livelier nightlife of Limassol – tavernas – shops and nightspots – short walking distance away – despite its size – to expect – friendly – personal service – in our opinion – one of – best hotels – in Cyprus

TEXT 9. Read and translate the text.

Four Seasons. Limassol

Overlooking a sandy beach the Four Seasons is a luxury 324-roomed resort hotel 15 minutes drive from the city of Limassol. Its stylish modern architecture is tempered by tropical palm trees, subtle lighting and fine furnishings.

The spacious guest accommodation is distributed over six floors, a third of the 324 rooms boasting memorable views of the Mediterranean. In-room amenities include air-conditioning, satellite TVs, minibars, marble bathrooms with bathrobes, spacious private balconies and 24-hour room service. Choose between superior rooms, honeymoon suites and several themed suites, including The Royal Brunei Suite and The Prince Suite.

Leisure facilities deliberately cater for the entire family. Everyone can take advantage of the expansive free-form outdoor pool with Jacuzzis, the heated indoor seawater pool with sauna, the floodlit tennis courts, squash courts, gymnasium and watersports. PADE Star 5 scuba diving centre whilst children will particularly enjoy the water slide pool and the supervised activities of the Children's Centre. Adults can surrender themselves to the relaxing massages and beauty treatments of 'The Thalasso Spa'.

Yet, the fun-filled Four Seasons days swiftly transform into romantic candlelit evenings, with international specialities served in the dramatic Greek-style Palace-restaurant and adventurous dishes presented in the formal Seasons Oriental restaurant. Those seeking a more casual ambience, can enjoy local and exotic dishes in the alfresco Cafe Tropical overlooking the meandering fish-stocked lagoon. Live music ensures the Vista Bar and Terrace are popular venues for evening cocktails. The Four Seasons is good choice for families, and for those seeking the livelier nightlife of Limassol. Tavernas, shops and nightspots are a short walking distance away. Despite its size, expect friendly, personal service. In our opinion one of the best hotels in Cyprus.

EXERCISES:

1. Choose the right answer:

1. Overlooking a sandy beach the Four Seasons is a luxury 324-roomed resort hotel 15 minutes drive from the _____.
- A. capital of Limassol
 - B. city of Limassol
 - C. region of Limassol
 - D. country of Limassol

2. Its stylish modern architecture is tempered by tropical palm trees, _____ and fine furnishings.
- A. subtle lighting
 - B. bright lighting
 - C. dim lighting
 - D. poor lighting
3. The spacious guest accommodation is distributed over _____, a third of the 324 rooms boasting memorable views of the Mediterranean.
- A. six floors
 - B. six rooms
 - C. six floors
 - D. six parts
4. In-room amenities include air-conditioning, satellite TV's, minibars, _____, spacious private balconies and 24-hour room service.
- A. marble bathrooms with bath-towels
 - B. marble bathrooms with bath-sandals
 - C. marble bathrooms with bathtubs
 - D. marble bathrooms with bathrobes
5. Choose between superior rooms, _____ and several themed suites, including The Royal Brunei Suite and The Prince Suite.
- A. newly-married suites
 - B. divorced suites
 - C. honeymoon suites
 - D. widowhood suites
6. _____ deliberately cater for the entire family.
- A. Leisure facilities
 - B. Entertainment facilities
 - C. Work facilities
 - D. Holiday facilities
7. _____ can take advantage of the expansive free-form outdoor pool with Jacuzzis, the heated indoor seawater pool with sauna, the floodlit tennis courts, squash courts, gymnasium and watersports.
- A. Everyone
 - B. None
 - C. Everything
 - D. All

8. PADE Star 5 _____ centre whilst children will particularly enjoy the water slide pool and the supervised activities of the Children's Centre.
- A. wind surfing
 - B. water skiing
 - C. water paragliding
 - D. scuba diving
9. Adults can surrender themselves to the _____ and beauty treatments of 'The Thalasso Spa'.
- A. relaxing treatments
 - B. relaxing spas
 - C. relaxing massages
 - D. relaxing therapies
10. Yet, the fun-filled Four Seasons days swiftly transform into romantic candlelit evenings, with international specialities served in the dramatic Greek-style Palace-restaurant and _____ presented in the formal Seasons Oriental restaurant.
- A. tasty dishes
 - B. delicious dishes
 - C. appetizing dishes
 - D. adventurous dishes
11. Those seeking a more casual ambience, can enjoy local and _____ in the alfresco Cafe Tropical overlooking the meandering fish-stocked lagoon.
- A. plain dishes
 - B. tasteless dishes
 - C. flavourless dishes
 - D. exotic dishes
12. Live music ensures the Vista Bar and Terrace are popular venues for _____.
- A. morning cocktails
 - B. afternoon cocktails
 - C. evening cocktails
 - D. night cocktails
13. The Four Seasons is _____ for families, and for those seeking the livelier nightlife of Limassol.
- A. good choice
 - B. bad choice
 - C. good chance
 - D. unlucky chance

14. _____, shops and nightspots are a short walking distance away.

A. Tavernas

B. Cafes

C. Inns

D. Bars

15. Despite its _____, expect friendly, personal service.

A. length

B. width

C. size

D. grandeur

16. In our _____ one of the best hotels in Cyprus.

A. rank

B. opinion

C. idea

D. choice

2. Match the right variants:

sandy	architecture
Four	palm trees
324-roomed	guest accommodation
15 minutes	beach
stylish modern	resort hotel
tropical	Seasons
subtle	views
fine	rooms
spacious	floors
six	TVs
324	amenities
memorable	drive
in-room	lighting
satellite	room service
marble	furnishings
spacious	bathrooms
24-hour	private balconies
superior	suites
honeymoon	rooms

several	facilities
Royal	themed suites
Prince	Brunei Suite
leisure	Suite
entire	seawater pool
free-form	tennis courts
indoor	courts
floodlit	outdoor pool
squash	centre
scuba diving	pool
water slide	activities
supervised	family
Children's	massages
relaxing	Centre
beauty	Spa
Thalasso	treatments
fun-filled	evenings
romantic candlelit	days
international	Palace-restaurant
dramatic Greek-style	restaurant
adventurous	ambience
formal Seasons Oriental	specialities
more casual	music
exotic	lagoon
alfresco Cafe	dishes
meandering fish-stocked	dishes
live	venues
Vista	Tropical
popular	Bar
evening	choice
good	walking distance
livelier	service
short	nightlife
personal	hotels
best	cocktails

3. Read the text and try to retell it in your own words:

Minotaur



In Greek mythology, the **Minotaur** /mɪnəˈtɔːr/; was a creature with the head of a bull on the body of a man or, as described by Roman poet Ovid, "part man and part bull". He dwelt at the center of the Labyrinth, which was an elaborate maze-like construction, designed by the architect Daedalus and his son Icarus, on the command of King Minos of Crete. The Minotaur was eventually killed by the Athenian hero Theseus.

The term Minotaur derives from the Ancient Greek, a compound of the name (Minos) and the "bull", translated as "(the) Bull of Minos". In Crete, the Minotaur was known by its proper name, Asterion, a name shared with Minos' foster-father.

"Minotaur" was originally a proper noun in reference to this mythical figure. The use of "minotaur" as a common noun to refer to members of a generic species of bull-headed creatures developed much later, in 20th-century fantasy genre fiction.

After he ascended the throne of the island of Crete, Minos competed with his brothers to rule. Minos prayed to Poseidon, the sea god, to send him a snow-white bull, as a sign of support (the Cretan Bull). He was to kill the bull to show honor to the deity, but decided to keep it instead because of its beauty. He thought Poseidon would not care if he kept the white bull and sacrificed one of his own. To punish Minos, Poseidon made Pasiphaë, Minos' wife, fall deeply in love with the bull. Pasiphaë had craftsman Daedalus make a hollow wooden cow, and climbed inside it in order to mate with the white bull. The offspring was the monstrous Minotaur. Pasiphaë nursed him, but he grew and became ferocious, being the unnatural offspring of a woman and a beast, he had no natural source of nourishment and thus

devoured man for sustenance. Minos, after getting advice from the oracle at Delphi, had Daedalus construct a gigantic labyrinth to hold the Minotaur. Its location was near Minos' palace in Knossos.

Theseus and the Minotaur

Androgeus, son of Minos, had been killed by the Athenians, who were jealous of the victories he had won at the Panathenaic festival. Others say he was killed at Marathon by the Cretan bull, his mother's former taurine lover, which Aegeus, king of Athens, had commanded him to slay. The common tradition is that Minos waged war to avenge the death of his son and won. Catullus, in his account of the Minotaur's birth, refers to another version in which Athens was "compelled by the cruel plague to pay penalties for the killing of Androgeos." Aegeus must avert the plague caused by his crime by sending "young men at the same time as the best of unwed girls as a feast" to the Minotaur. Minos required that seven Athenian youths and seven maidens, drawn by lots, be sent every seventh or ninth year (some accounts say every year¹) to be devoured by the Minotaur.

When the third sacrifice approached, Theseus volunteered to slay the monster. He promised to his father, Aegeus, that he would put up a white sail on his journey back home if he was successful and would have the crew put up black sails if he was killed. In Crete, Minos' daughter Ariadne fell madly in love with Theseus and helped him navigate the labyrinth. In most accounts she gave him a ball of thread, allowing him to retrace his path. Theseus killed the Minotaur with the sword of Aegeus and led the other Athenians back out of the labyrinth. On the way home, Theseus abandoned Ariadne on the island of Naxos and continued. He neglected, however, to put up the white sail. King Aegeus, from his lookout on Cape Sounion, saw the black-sailed ship approach and, presuming his son dead, committed suicide by throwing himself into the sea that is since named after him. This act secured the throne for Theseus.

UNIT 10

Key words: for island lovers – in quest of – inviting and ‘imaginatively different’ Cyprus hotel – new Anassa – well to be natural candidate – opening – in spring 1998 – to enjoy – same accomplished family ownership – Hotel Annabelle – hallmark – to need – no other endorsement for – connoisseurs – to front – quiet beach – amid – unspoilt rural scenery – Polis region – north-west coast of – Cyprus – to be styled after – typical Greek coastal village – to sit naturally in – its landscaped garden setting – aim – to offer – guests – opportunity – to relax in – quite traditional island environment – while still enjoying – sense of – guests – being fostered by – deluxe hotel – all rooms – tastefully furnished – in pastel shades – their Mediterranean décor

– to provide – feast of – coolness and spaciousness – little touches – like custom-designed fittings – specially commissioned paintings – louvred shutters – all to add to – mood of distinction – choices – to range from – Garden View rooms – larger Studio Suites – main building – more private Garden Studio Suites with balcony – superb sea and coast views – most appealing to – our clients – handsome Junior Suites and Suites – to offer – private minipool – terraces – two-bedroom Suites – to be also available – while – for determinedly self-indulgent – striking Presidential Suites with private Jacuzzi – restaurants – to include – bistro for breakfasts – lunches and casual dining – more formal setting – elegant oak panelled main restaurant – international cuisine and Cypriot specialities – to be served – both venues – to overlook – sea and Roman mosaics – Tea Bar and Lounge Bar with open-air terraces – as well as – pool and grill bars – to provide – tempting ports of call – with watersports – two outdoor swimming pools and indoor pool – Roman-style health spa and beauty centre – tennis and squash – to be well-equipped – to indulge – most tastes and moods – most welcome addition to – our Cyprus portfolio

TEXT 10. Read and translate the text.

Anassa. Polis/Latchi

For island lovers in quest of an inviting and ‘imaginatively different’ Cyprus hotel, the new Anassa could well be natural candidate! Opening in Spring 1998, it enjoys the same accomplished family ownership as the Hotel Annabelle, a hallmark that will need no other endorsement for Annabelle connoisseurs. The Anassa fronts a quiet beach amid the unspoilt rural scenery of the Polis region on the north-west coast of Cyprus and is styled after a typical Greek coastal village which sits naturally in its landscaped garden setting. As the aim will be to offer guests the opportunity to relax in a quite traditional island environment, while still enjoying that sense of the guests being fostered by a deluxe hotel. All rooms are tastefully furnished in pastel shades and their Mediterranean décor provides a feast of coolness and spaciousness. Little touches like custom-designed fittings, specially commissioned paintings and louvred shutters all add to the mood of distinction. Choices range from Garden View rooms and larger Studio Suites in the main building to the more private Garden Studio Suites with balcony and superb sea and coast views. Most appealing to our clients will be the handsome Junior Suites and Suites which offer a private minipool on their terraces. Two-bedroom Suites are also available, while for the determinedly self-indulgent there are the striking Presidential Suites with private Jacuzzi. Restaurants include the bistro for breakfasts, lunches and casual dining and the more formal setting of the elegant oak panelled main restaurant where international cuisine and

Cypriot specialities are served. Both venues overlook the sea and Roman mosaics. A Tea Bar and Lounge Bar with open-air terraces, as well as pool and grill bars, will also provide tempting ports of call. With watersports, two outdoor swimming pools and indoor pool, a Roman-style health spa and beauty centre, tennis and squash, the Anassa will be well-equipped to indulge most tastes and moods. A most welcome addition to our Cyprus portfolio.

EXERCISES:

1. Choose the right answer:

1. For _____ in quest of an inviting and 'imaginatively different' Cyprus hotel, the new Anassa could well be natural candidate!
A. capital lovers
B. city lovers
C. island lovers
D. country lovers
2. Opening in Spring 1998, it enjoys the same accomplished family ownership as the Hotel Annabelle, a hallmark that will need no other endorsement for _____.
A. Annabelle connoisseurs
B. Annabelle competitors
C. Annabelle counterparts
D. Annabelle enemies
3. The Anassa fronts a _____ amid the unspoilt rural scenery of the Polis region on the north-west coast of Cyprus and is styled after a typical Greek coastal village which sits naturally in its landscaped garden setting.
A. overcrowded beach
B. busy beach
C. noisy beach
D. quiet beach
4. As the aim will be to offer guests the opportunity to relax in a _____, while still enjoying that sense of the guests being fostered by a deluxe hotel.
A. quite typical island environment
B. quite traditional island environment
C. quite quaint island environment
D. quite exclusive island environment

5. All rooms are tastefully furnished in _____ and their Mediterranean décor provides a feast of coolness and spaciousness.
- A. pastel shades
 - B. bright colours
 - C. pastel colours
 - D. vivid colours
6. Little touches like custom-designed fittings, specially commissioned paintings and louvred shutters all add to the _____.
- A. mood of indifference
 - B. mood of distinction
 - C. mood of difference
 - D. mood of privilege
7. _____ range from Garden View rooms and larger Studio Suites in the main building to the more private Garden Studio Suites with balcony and superb sea and coast views.
- A. Variants
 - B. Opportunities
 - C. Choices
 - D. Chances
8. Most appealing to our clients will be the handsome Junior Suites and Suites which offer a private _____ on their terraces.
- A. minipool
 - B. minicourt
 - C. minilawn
 - D. playground
9. _____ are also available, while for the determinedly self-indulgent there are the striking Presidential Suites with private Jacuzzi.
- A. Two-bathroom Suites
 - B. Two-toilet Suites
 - C. Two-bedroom Suites
 - D. Two-kitchen Suites
10. Restaurants include the _____ for breakfasts, lunches and casual dining and the more formal setting of the elegant oak panelled main restaurant where international cuisine and Cypriot specialities are served.
- A. bistro
 - B. cafe
 - C. casino
 - D. bar

11. Both venues overlook the sea and _____.
- A. Roman tiles
 - B. Roman frescoes
 - C. Roman mosaics
 - D. Roman sculptures
12. A Tea Bar and Lounge Bar with open-air terraces, as well as pool and _____, will also provide tempting ports of call.
- A. grill bars
 - B. snack bars
 - C. lounge bars
 - D. beach bars
13. With watersports, two outdoor swimming pools and indoor pool, a _____- _____, tennis and squash, the Anassa will be well-equipped to indulge most tastes and moods.
- A. Greek-style health spa and spa centre
 - B. Turkish-style health bath and beauty centre
 - C. Roman-style health spa and beauty centre
 - D. Minoan-style beauty spa and beauty centre
14. A most welcome addition to our _____.
- A. Cyprus file
 - B. Cyprus case
 - C. Cyprus folder
 - D. Cyprus portfolio

2. Match the right variants:

island	hotel
Cyprus	lovers
new	candidate
natural	Anassa
accomplished	Annabelle
Annabelle	beach
quiet	scenery
unspoilt rural	connoisseurs
Polis	village
north-west	region
Greek coastal	hotel
landscaped garden	shades
traditional	setting

deluxe	family ownership
all	environment
pastel	décor
Mediterranean	island
little	fittings
custom-designed	touches
specially commissioned	shutters
louvred	paintings
Garden View	Suites
Studio	rooms
main	Suites
Garden Studio	building
coast	minipool
handsome	Suites
private	Jacuzzi
two-bedroom	Junior Suites
striking	views
private	Presidential Suites
casual	setting
more formal	dining
oak panelled	mosaics
international	main restaurant
Cypriot	cuisine
both	specialities
Roman	Bar
Tea	terraces
Lounge	venues
open-air	Bar
grill	centre
outdoor	pool
indoor	bars
Roman-style	swimming pools
beauty	health spa
welcome	portfolio
Cyprus	addition

3. Read the text and try to retell it in your own words:

Lernaean Hydra



In Greek mythology, the **Lernaean Hydra** was an ancient serpent-like water monster with reptilian traits. It possessed many heads – the poets mention more heads than the vase-painters could paint – and for each head cut off it grew two more. It had poisonous breath and blood so virulent that even its tracks were deadly. The Hydra of Lerna was killed by Heracles as the second of his Twelve Labours. Its lair was the lake of Lerna in the Argolid, though archaeology has borne out the myth that the sacred site was older even than the Mycenaean city of Argos since Lerna was the site of the myth of the Danaids. Beneath the waters was an entrance to the Underworld, and the Hydra was its guardian.

The Hydra was one of the offspring of Typhon and Echidna (*Theogony*, 313), both of whom were noisome offspring of the earth goddess Gaia.

The Second Labour of Heracles

Eurystheus sent Heracles to slay the Hydra, which Hera had raised just to slay Heracles. Upon reaching the swamp near Lake Lerna, where the Hydra dwelt, Heracles covered his mouth and nose with a cloth to protect himself from the poisonous fumes. He fired flaming arrows into the Hydra's lair, the spring of Amymone, a deep cave that it only came out of to terrorize neighboring villages. He then confronted the Hydra, wielding a harvesting sickle (according to some early vase-paintings), a sword or his famed club. Ruck and Staples (1994:170) have pointed out that the chthonic creature's reaction was botanical: upon cutting off each of its heads he found that two grew back, an expression of the hopelessness of such a struggle for any but the hero. The weakness of the Hydra was that it was invulnerable only if it retained at least one head.



Hercules and the Hydra (c. 1475) by Antonio Pollaiuolo (Galleria degli Uffizi).

The details of the struggle are explicit in the *Bibliotheca* (2.5.2): realizing that he could not defeat the Hydra in this way, Heracles called on his nephew Iolaus for help. His nephew then came upon the idea (possibly inspired by Athena) of using a firebrand to scorch the neck stumps after each decapitation. Heracles cut off each head and Iolaus cauterized the open stumps. Seeing that Heracles was winning the struggle, Hera sent a large crab to distract him. He crushed it under his mighty foot. The Hydra's one immortal head was cut off with a golden sword given to him by Athena. Heracles placed the head – still alive and writhing – under a great rock on the sacred way between Lerna and Elaius (Kerenyi 1959:144), and dipped his arrows in the Hydra's poisonous blood, and so his second task was complete.

The alternative version of this myth is that after cutting off one head he then dipped his sword in it and used its venom to burn each head so it couldn't grow back. Hera, upset that Heracles had slain the beast she raised to kill him, placed it in the dark blue vault of the sky as the constellation Hydra. She then turned the crab into the constellation Cancer.

Heracles would later use arrows dipped in the Hydra's poisonous blood to kill other foes during his remaining Labours, such as Stymphalian Birds and the giant Geryon. He later used one to kill the centaur Nessus; and Nessus' tainted blood was applied to the Tunic of Nessus, by which the centaur had his posthumous revenge. Both Strabo and Pausanias report that the stench of the river Anigrus in Elis, making all the fish of the river inedible, was reputed to be due to the Hydra's poison, washed from the arrows Heracles used on the centaur.

When Eurystheus, the agent of ancient Hera who was assigning The Twelve Labors to Heracles, found out that it was Heracles' nephew Iolaus who had handed him the firebrand, he declared that the labor had not been completed alone and as a result did not count towards the 10 Labours set for him. The mythic element is an equivocating attempt to resolve the submerged conflict between an ancient ten Labours and a more recent twelve.

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